



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application

Ackermann et al.

Group: 1623

Serial No. 09/925,188, filed August 9, 2001,

Examiner: B.M. Robinson

For: 2,3-Oxidosqualene-Lanosterol Cyclase Inhibitors

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AMENDMENT

Nutley, New Jersey 07110
December 1, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to a July 2, 2003, Office Action received in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to this Office Action was due October 2, 2003. A two-month extension of time is being requested concurrently. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.

Finally, Applicants submit that the Wands factors, when properly analyzed, weigh heavily in favor of a finding that the claims are fully enabled. Applicants note that the specification provides ample and detailed direction as to how to practice the claimed embodiments (Wands factor #6), and provides literally hundreds of working examples (Wands factor #7). Furthermore, Applicants assert that the quantity of experimentation (Wands factor #8) needed to practice the invention (in light of the aforementioned guidance/direction provided by the specification) is very reasonable and certainly not "unduly extensive." See In re Wands, 858 F.2d 731, 737 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

Applicants suggest that an interview with the Examiner would assist in furthering prosecution of the subject application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an interview with the Examiner, to be scheduled at the Examiner's convenience.

No fee, other than the fee for the additional claims and the fee for a two-month extension of time, is required in connection with the filing of this communication. If any additional fee is deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to deposit account no. 08-2525.

Respectfully submitted,

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